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FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

WETUMPKA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

—OF THE—

Primitive Faith and Order,

HELD WITH

Mt. Carmel Church, St. Clair County, Ala.

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FRIDAY, September 25, 1885.

The Wetumpka Association, of the Primitive Faith and Order, met in its Forty-third Annual Session.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder I. K. Crumpton, from 1 Cor. i. 30: "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption."

After sixty minutes' intermission, the delegates assembled in the house. Prayer by Elder John McLeroy.

Appointed Elder Joel P. Sayres, Moderator *pro tem*.

1st. Elected Elder J. P. SAYRES, Moderator, and re-elected L. M. PARKER, Clerk.

2nd. Read the letters and enrolled the delegates' names.

3rd. Invited corresponding brethren to seats with us.

4th. Called for corresponding minutes.

5th. Appointed the following committees, viz.:

On Preaching—Elder J. M. Dykes, brethren A. J. Hocut and Wm. Downs, together with the delegates of this church, Elder J. McLeroy and Bro. W. M. Scoggins.

On Business Arrangements to Come Before the Body—Brethren W. A. Tallant, J. D. M. Jowers, and Elder John L. Lamberth.

To Examine Corresponding Minutes—Elder I. K. Crumpton, and brethren J. H. Woodall and W. S. Williams.

To Write Corresponding Letter—Elder J. M. Dykes.

Preaching this P. M. by Elders Z. T. Thomas and J. H. Reaves.

Adjourned till 9 A. M. to-morrow. Prayer by Elder J. T. Steward.

SATURDAY, September 26—9 A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Z. T. Thomas.

Preaching this morning by Elders J. T. Steward and P. J. Powell.

6th. Renewed the invitation to corresponding brethren.

The Committee on Business report: We adopt the business of last year, omitting the printing of the Constitution and Decorum.

7th. Called the roll and read the Decorum.

8th. Called for correspondents from sister Associations, viz.:

From Hillabee—None.

From Five-Mile Creek—Elders J. H. Reaves and J. T. Steward, and brethren J. O. McCuller and J. B. Gore.

From Little Hope—Bro. Richard Blake.

From Cane Creek—No correspondents.

From Olive—Minutes.

9th. Called for Corresponding Letter, which was read and received.

10th. Returned correspondents as follows:

To Beulah—None.

To Hillabee—Bro. J. D. M. Jowers.

To Five-Mile Creek—Elder J. M. Dykes and Bro. William Downs.

To Little Hope—Elders J. M. Dykes and J. P. Sayres, and and Bro. William Downs.

To Olive—L. M. Parker.

Moved and seconded we drop correspondence with Cane Creek at present.

11th. Called for the report of the brethren to examine corresponding minutes. They report: We find nothing to claim the attention of the body.

12th. Moved and seconded we dispense with the Third District, and put Ebenezer and Mount Olive churches in the First District.

13th. Appointed Union Meetings as follows:

Fish Pond—Friday before third Sunday in August, 1886.

Coosa River (having first choice)—Friday before fifth Sunday in July, 1886.

14th. Appointed a Committee to Distribute Corresponding Minutes, viz.: Brethren J. D. M. Jowers, W. S. Williams, and Elder J. L. Lamberth. To Receive Contributions: Elder J. McLeroy and Bro. A. J. Hocut.

15th. Called for contributions, and received \$26.50.

16th. Called for the request of churches. Pleasant Hill applied for a letter of dismissal, which was granted. Mount Carmel applied for a letter of dismissal, which was granted.

17th. Appointed the next session of our body to convene with Swamp Creek Church, Coosa county, Ala., 22 miles north of Wetumpka, 1 mile from Jacksontrace, on the Rockford road, and 9 miles southwest of Rockford, and 11 miles east of Smith's ferry, on Coosa river, to convene on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1886.

18th. Called for petitionary churches.

19th. Inquired for miscellaneous business.

Moved and seconded we print 500 minutes, and the Clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of the same, and pay for the same, and retain 100 copies for correspondence, and the Clerk to have the overplus for his services.

Preaching this morning by Elders J. T. Steward and P. J. Powell.

Preaching in the afternoon by Elders N. M. Cook and Z. T. Thomas.

J. P. SAYRES, *Moderator*.

L. M. PARKER, *Clerk*.

Preaching on Sunday by Elders N. M. Cook, J. T. Steward and J. P. Sayres.

We tender the thanks of this body to the brethren, sisters and friends of this vicinity, in token of their appreciation of the kindness and hospitality so generously extended us during our stay among them.—CLERK.

Corresponding Letter.

The Wetumpka Baptist Association, of the Primitive Faith and Order, in session with Mount Carmel Church, St. Clair county, Ala., to her sister Associations with whom she corresponds, sendeth Christian salutation :

DEAR BRETHREN IN THE LORD—Through the goodness of a covenant-keeping God, we have been permitted to hold another session of our body, and we are gratified that peace and harmony seems to prevail among us. We feel thankful to an all-wise God that we have been visited by some of our beloved correspondents, who, by the grace of God, have come to us laden with the fruits of the gospel of our Lord and Master.

Dear brethren, we do highly appreciate your Christian correspondence, and regret that it was not more full, and we hope it may increase in the future. Our business has been transacted in meekness and brotherly love. All the churches are represented by letter and messengers except two.

The next session of our body will be held with Swamp Creek Church, Coosa county, Ala., commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1886, 22 miles north of Wetumpka, 1 mile from Jacksontrace, on the Rockford road, and 9 miles southwest of Rockford, and 11 miles east of Smith's ferry, on Coosa river, where and when we fondly hope to meet you again.

Confession of Faith and Scriptural Proof.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in the one true and living God—the Father, the Word, and Holy Ghost. We prove this from 1 John v. 7. : “For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.” St. John i. 1 : “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God,;” x 30, “I and my Father are one;” xviii. 3, “And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent”

ART. 2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice. 2 Tim. iii. 16; “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine,” &c. 2 Pet. i. 21 : “For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” Heb. i. 1, 2 : “God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds.”

ART. 3. We believe that God elected or chosen his people in Christ before the foundation of the world, that they should be holy and without blame before him in love. Psa xxxiii, 12 : “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.” Eph. i. 4 : “According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.” 1 Peter i. 2 : “Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the

blood of Jesus Christ," &c. Acts ix. 15: "For he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel."

ART. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will and ability. Rom. v. 12: "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned;" iii. 23, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" vii. 14, "For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin;" viii. 7, "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." John vi. 44: "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him."

ART. 5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ. Rom. x. 4: "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." 2 Cor. v. 21: "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." 1 Cor. i. 30: "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption." Gal. ii. 21: "For if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain."

ART. 6. We believe that God's elect shall be called, effectually regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost, and shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away. 1 Cor. i. 2: "To them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours." Titus iii. 5: "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost." Heb. ii. 11: "For both he that sanctifieth, and they who are sanctified, are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren."

ART. 7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and the true mode of baptism is immersion. Mark i. 9: "And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan;" xvi. 16, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Acts xxii. 16: "And now, why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized;" viii. 37, "And Phillip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Phillip and the eunuch; and he baptized him." Rom. vi. 4: "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." THE SUPPER—Mat. xxvi. 26: "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body;" verse 27, "And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;" verse 28: "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." 1 Cor. v. 11: "If any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolator, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner, with such a one no not to eat;" xi. 29, "For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."

ART. 8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and that the joys of the righteous will be eternal. Matt. xxviii. 5: "And the angel answered, and said unto the woman, Fear not ye; for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified;" verse 6, "He is not here, for he is risen, as he said;" verse 7, "And go quickly, and tell his disciples, that he is risen from the dead." Acts xxiv. 15: "There shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just

and the unjust;" xvii. 31, "Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." John v. 28, 29: "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."

ART. 9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances only such as are called of God, as was Aaron, and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery, and in fellowship with the church of which he is a member. Lev. viii. 1: "And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Take Aaron and his sons with him." Heb. v. 4: "No man taketh this honor unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron." 1 Tim. iv. 14: "Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery." Acts xiii. 2: "The Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them, and when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away."

ART. 10. We believe that God has ordained good works, that his children should walk in them, and that good works are only such as God hath commanded in his word, and not such, as without the warrant thereof, are devised by men out of blind zeal or upon any pretense of good intentions." Eph. ii. 10: "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." James ii. 18: "Shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works." Rom. x. 3: "For they, being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God." Titus iii. 5: "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost."

ART. 11. We believe that washing the saints' feet was ordained by Christ, to be done by his children in a church capacity until his second coming. John xiii. 5: "After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded;" verse 14, "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet;" verse 15, "For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you" 1 Tim. v. 10: "Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work."

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	Money for Minutes.	Time of Meeting.
1st Dist.												
Bethel	Chilton.....	Eld. J. M. Dykes...	J. W. Kieker, Cooper.....	Wm. Downs, W. S. Williams.....	4	6	..	2	1	54	\$ 4 00	2d
Swamp Creek	Coosa	" J. P. Sayers...	P. P. Salter, Salter.....	Eld. J. P. Sayers.....	..	..	..	..	..	18	2 00	4th
Coosa River..	Elmore.....	" J. P. Sayers...	W. S. Parish, Deatsville.....	By letter.....	..	..	2	..	..	13	1 25	1st
Mt. Olive....	Shelby.....	" J. M. Dykes...	W. A. Tallant, Columbiana..	Eld. J. M. Dykes, W. A. Tallant...	2	1	8	..	2	35	2 50	1st
Ebenezer....	Shelby.....	" I. K. Crumpton	A. G. Embry, Cobb.....	Eld. I. K. Crumpton, A. G. Embry.	..	..	..	..	1	18	2 00	3d
2d Dist.												
Chanee Creek	Elmore.....	" B. Jowers.....	G. H. Parker, Eclectic.....	Bro. John R. Kelley.....	3	1	2	..	..	56	4 00	1st
Pleasant Hill.	Tallapoosa..	" J. L. Lamberth	J. H. Woodall, Bulger's Mills	Eld. J. L. Lamberth, J. H. Woodall	3	..	3	1	..	25	1 75	4th
Mt. Gilead...	Elmore.....	" J. L. Lamberth	L. M. Parker, Equality.....	L. M. Parker.....	3	..	..	..	2	19	2 00	2d
Salem	Elmore.....	" Z. T. Thomas..		Not represented.....	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Bethel.....	Coosa.....	" J. A. Suttle....	J. H. Johnson, Equality.....	J. D. M. Jowers, A. J. Hocut.....	..	2	1	1	2	45	4 00	4th
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